

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, solvate or prodrug thereof, wherein:

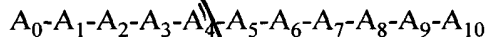
$A_0$  is an acyl group selected from:

- (1)  $R-(CH_2)_n-C(O)-$ ; wherein  $n$  is an integer from 0 to 8 and  $R$  is selected from hydroxyl; methyl; N-acetylamino; methoxyl; carboxyl; cyclohexyl optionally containing one or two double bonds and optionally substituted with one to three hydroxyl groups; and a 5- or 6-membered aromatic or nonaromatic ring optionally containing one or two heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur, wherein the ring is optionally substituted with a moiety selected from alkyl, alkoxy, and halogen;

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1 and 12 with the following correspondingly numbered claims:

1 (Twice Amended). A compound of the formula:



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